

Reforms already implemented



Facilitated processes for starting a business

Incorporation of a company within 2 hours

IMPLEMENTED

E-certificate of incorporation recognised as a valid KYC document



Trade fees less than Rs 5,000 waived from the 1st of January 2017 for three years





Simplified processes for Construction Permits. Building & Land Use Permit (BLP)

Elimination of plan approval from CEB, CWA and WMA in approved "morcellement" when submitting an application for a BLP



Shorter period for sewage connection

External contractors have been appointed to carry out connection works within a period of 30 days.



The time frame of 30 days comprise both the design and connection works.

Streamlined Project requiring an EIA

The process has been streamlined by:

The proposal project outline can be submitted at least one month prior to submission of application and within 2 weeks of submission, the Ministry of Environment will submit its views



An application for Morcellement Permit accompanied with an EIA/PER has been streamlined and the timeframe reduced by 3 weeks.





Registering property in 2 hours

Introduction of the Mauritius eRegistry Platform, to register deeds within 2 hours



Tax exemptions

Removal of land transfer tax and registration duty on property transactions:

- Involving warehouses for business use as approved by BOI
- Utilised for qualifying high tech manufacturing activities





Facilitated Payment of taxes

Online fast track system for process of VAT refunds:

- Less than 7 days for claims under Rs 2 million
- Less than 15 days for claims above Rs 2 million



Mandatory e-filing submission for all amended Corporate tax returns



Introduction of Alternative Tax Dispute Resolution (ATDR) Panel which is a faster way to resolve tax litigations by the MRA





Trade facilitation

Amendments to the Customs Act for submission of manifest 24 hours after loading in last port of call to facilitate clearance of goods at import



For import of plant and plant products:

- Plant import permit fees have been waived
- Introduction of a reduced time frame of 5 days
- Introduction of Risk based inspection



The "Business Facilitation Act 2017"



More reforms are under process and will be implemented shortly



Starting a business in fewer hours with less fees

Remove requirement for company seal





Simplified processes for **Construction Permits**

BLP ONLINE SYSTEM

Request for plan approval from CEB, CWA and WMA prior to application for a BLP has been eliminated.



On submission of the application for a BLP, the Local Authorities make request for plan approval to utilities within the 14 working days timeframe for the determination of a

The BLP online system is being revamped to make it more user friendly



Reduced Electricity connection costs

The cost to connect to electricity network has been reduced by:



- > Reducing the cost of extension of high tension networks for commercial projects by 50%
- Eliminating the processing fee for new application in respect of all categories of customers including domestic customers, but excluding parcelling of land and Property Development Schemes projects.



Facilitated Payment of taxes

Payment of social contribution (NPF, NSF, UNDER IMPLEMENTATION training levy) will be made directly to MRA





Online Registering property and summarised documents

Online access to the registry of the Registrar General's Department will be given to notaries and professionals including public sector bodies, banks, insurance companies, members of the legal profession involved in the property market



Public will have access to a summarised version of deeds





Trade facilitation with eliminated permits or simplified processes

Import permit eliminated for:

Second hand motor vehicle part & accessories



Used, scrapped and second-hand goods

Requirement to apply for an import permit for 13 items has been eliminated. Instead, the MSB will issue an electronic conformity report to MRA Customs.



Pre-market approval for 29 classes of items has been eliminated



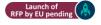


E-licensing project

Request for Proposal (RFP) for supply for e-licensing platform already been launched



Request for Proposal (RFP) for business project re-engineering exercise already worked out and submitted to EU



Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) will be carried out on more than 125 licences and permits of some 14 Ministries.